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Commissioner for Patents  
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March 12, 2004

Re: Application of TSUKADA, Kenji, KANAYA, Munehide  
DETECTOR OF LIQUID CONSUMPTION CONDITION  
Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION  
Our Ref: Q80436

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/917,217 (Confirmation No.8382) filed July 30, 2001 of TSUKADA, Kenji, KANAYA, Munehide entitled DETECTOR OF LIQUID CONSUMPTION CONDITION.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 37 sheet(s) of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2856.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2000-229435	July 28, 2000
Japan	2000-354802	November 21, 2000

The priority document(s) were filed in parent Application No. 09/917,217.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>15</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u></u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
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A check for the statutory fee of \$1028.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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